

THE OREGON TUALATIN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

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SPOTLIGHT ON A HAM

BY LORNA, KA7RFD

A long, hard, boring winter and an ad in the Valley Times prompted Jane,



wife of Warren Knight, N7BIJ, to enroll him in a Novice Class at FCC. The class was sponsored by OTUARC and taught by Dave, AF7G, who issued an invitation for all students to attend the next meeting. Warren accepted and met

with the small group of amateurs who comprised the club and by the next meeting had been elected Treasurer.

The year was 1978 and this was the first of many offices BIJ has held including Trustee, Treasurer of SEA-PAC and currently Treasurer of NAR-C who will sponsor the 1988 National Convention.

Ask Warren about his interest in ham radio and it's hard to pin him down. "I do DX whenever the opportunity arises" says Warren, "but mostly I enjoy the social side. I've been going to Field Day for many years and I've never worked a radio. I like to camp with my kids out there. I know they're with good people."



WARREN
KNIGHT
N7BIJ

Warren, who was instrumental in obtaining the Maiken Ranch for our Field Day site also states "I've asked people to help me on projects for the Maikens and I've never been refused. I've never been turned down".

Warren also stressed the camaraderie among the antenna construction crew who instigated the trailer fund. "I was one of the Indians" says Warren, "but we worked as a team and a great friendship developed".

Again ask Warren about his most memorable experience with ham radio and he replies "Oh, when my daughter, Megan, (now 9) fell into Rock Creek at Field Day a couple of years ago. Ray, KTVDQ, was shouting "BIJ, BIJ your daughter has fallen in the creek. My heart stopped" says Warren. Megan, cold and bedraggled and wrapped in Bob's Jacket, KB7CC, was fine. "I'll never forget" says Warren, "how the ladies out there had her bathed and dressed in nice warm clothes in 15 minutes. It makes you feel good to be with people like that".

Born in McKeesport, PA, Warren graduated from California University in Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's degree in Education. A teacher for only six months, he was granted a full scholarship from the Professional Photographers of America to Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, CA.

Soon after leaving Brooks, he became a partner in a commercial photography enterprise in Hawaii. Warren is currently employed with Edmund Keene Photographers.

Morgan (12) and Dad recently became interested in flying model airplanes and Warren is now a director of the Fly-A-Ways Model RC Club in Hillsboro.

"I pride myself on keeping the finances straight for so many years for OTUARC and for being a responsible trustee. Also I'm glad I've been able to do something for the Maikens for the use of their facility," Warren says.

Thanks for everything you do, you're a very special person, Warren, and we're proud you're in the club.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

As a concerned member of OTUARC I would like to express my concern over the adoption of the life membership amendment at the last regular meeting. Whether or not I supported the amendment is not the point I wish to bring out. The problem I am having is with the process of adoption that was followed which, I believe, did not follow the intent of the club bylaws.

I would like to bring out the following points as I observed them at the meeting.

First, I do not believe that sufficient warning was given to club members that an amendment was to be voted upon. I quote from the February newsletter "Club business will focus on rewording the life membership amendment and the club budget will be fine tuned." This one well hidden sentence in the whole newsletter is all the notice that members had that a change to the club constitution or bylaws was under consideration, not to mention adoption.

Second, it is my belief that the amount of discussion on the amendment was prematurely terminated. True, there were a number of questions about the interpretation of the article itself, but the number of comments dealing with the pros and cons was limited to about three people's comments. There was NO motion to terminate the discussion of the amendment. There was NO question from the president if there was further discussion on the amendment prior to allowing the vote to accept the amendment as worded prior to the vote to adopt it. It was my observation that from the acceptance of the motion to accept the wording until the adoption vote was completed spanned less than 45 seconds total



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Lorna Campbell, KA7RFD Editor-in-Chief
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time.

Third, it was this member's observation, and that of a number of others, that this amendment was ramroded through the normal adoption process with very little input allowed from the members of the club. During the break that followed the adoption, I talked with at least four others who were concerned that it all happened so fast. They were also concerned that the same thing might happen again.

Finally, while the amendment did pass I wonder how many really understood what some of the ramifications of the adoption could mean. I would like to bring up some of the points that I was NOT allowed to voice at that meeting:

The past amendment gave recognition to those approaching retirement for their past participation in the club.



The adopted amendment actually penalizes those approaching retirement since it asks them to play the odds with the actuarial tables on life expectancy.

The adopted amendment is only of benefit to those under the age of 40 since they will most likely live for the additional 20 years. But, even for those under 40, I could find a way to put \$200.00 to work at a much higher rate of return than and thereby have a continuous fund with which to pay for club membership for the rest of their lives including any reasonable dues increases.

I believe that there could have been a factor added to the existing formula that would have reduced the payments for those over age 50 by something relating to the number of continuous years that the member had participated in the club prior to their application for life membership.

Sincerely,

Stephen Coan
KA7MOW

To the Editor:

Wrong, wrong, wrong. The way Section 4 was changed at the last meeting was wrong. I don't think the new section is equitable for the membership but that is only secondary to the way it was "railroaded" through.

If advantages are taken of personal interpretations of "our" bylaws as was done at the last meeting, "our" club could be destroyed very rapidly. Maybe it wasn't a personal interpretation but a sneaky trick.

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LETTERS ... Continued

Our constitution and bylaws are the backbone of our organization and should not be haphazardly changed. A great deal of thought must be given for even the slightest change. This last change seemed to be conjured by one person. Our President didn't seem to be too well informed of some of the finer points. He was prompted for almost all of the few questions allowed. Was this why the discussion was halted abruptly and a vote called for?

No recommendation by the Board of Directors was heard, nor was there any mention of the bylaws committee. Again it makes me think that this was "railroaded" through with something else in mind than an equitable life membership. After all, why rush a "life" membership amendment?

I'm sure throughout the year at our regular meetings there will be many discussions of various subjects such as our club events, expenditures and our constitution and bylaws. Before these subjects are presented to the membership, the board and committees should address them and bring their recommendations to the membership. When the club uses good procedure even the most contradictory subjects can be handled with less discussion. Let's keep the hassle out of our meetings and have more fun and better inter-club relationship.

Willis Ranes, N7DZR

SIC HUMOR

BY AL, WB7SIC



Take two aspirin and call me
in the morning

FIELD DAY SITE COMMITTEE PROGRESSING

The five members of the Field Day Site Committee have been busy reviewing Willamette Valley locations, based upon member input from two "open house" meetings.

Among the sites visited are Kennedy and Cedar Hills Parks in Beaverton, WA6KLA's hilltop retreat on Cooper Mountain, the Maiken Farm and Silver Falls and Champoe State Parks.

After a review of the scoring, the group will present a report to the club in April per its October, 1986 charge by the membership.

NOVICE ENHANCEMENT

Effective 0001 UTC March 21, 1987, The FCC has amended Part 97 to allow Novices use of CW, digital and SSB on 10-meters, approved a Novice subband on 220 MHz and approved a 1270-MHz band for Novice operation.

10-METER SUBBAND.



The new subband will be between 28.1-28.5 MHz. CW and digital modes may be used from 28.1-28.3 MHz and CW and SSB will be used on 28.3-28.5 MHz.

Novices and Technicians are limited to 200 watts output in this band, but other licensees are not similarly limited.

1270-MHz SUBBAND.

This subband has been opened at 1270-1295 MHz with all available emissions, limited to a maximum power of 5 watts PEP.

220-MHz SUBBAND.

The Commission authorized 222.10-223.91 MHz for Novices using all modes with a maximum power of 25 watts PEP. Novices cannot be licensees, control operators or trustees of repeaters, even when the input or output frequencies of a repeater fall within this subband.

All present Novices and Technicians will be authorized the new privileges without additional testing.

The Novice examination will be broadened and will require 10 additional questions, for a total of 30 and two Examiners will be required to administer the test.

This Novice Enhancement has made a more attractive entry level license available and should motivate prospective amateurs to join our ranks and stay with our hobby through its five-tier licensing structure.

Condensed from The ARRL Letter of February 11, 1987 by Randy, K27T (SM)

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BY PAUL, WB6SHR

I was glad to see a large turnout at the February meeting. Even though it was a long meeting, a lot of good information was presented; Stan's talk was very educational.



For those of you that did not make the meeting, the club voted and passed the life membership amendment. We already have two people making payments toward their life membership which is a good start. If you are interested in becoming a life member, see Jeff or Susan for more information.

On February 22 we had a "Club Dine Out Night." A group of 14 met at Stuart Anderson's restaurant in Beaverton. Not the greatest showing we had hoped for. This is family-type activity so plan to join the next group and have some fun with your fellow club members.

Social Committee Chairperson Joan, KA7UXC has been very busy. Details of her March 12 skating party are in this issue of the newsletter.

As you can see there are a lot of activities taking place this year. The club officers are trying out some new ideas; we hope we have your backing. It isn't our intent to change too much, too fast. Our intent is to do just enough to keep things interesting, yet still maintain high quality club meetings, activities and programs our club has learned to depend upon. Your input is greatly needed to ensure that we accomplish our goals and help us stay on the right track.

Thanks for your support.



CAMPERS CORNER

BY TONY, KA7ZDE

Hope everyone enjoyed Camp Kiwanda R.O. Park. I will have a report on this campout next month. The March campout will be at Bar View Jetty County Park, two miles north of Garibaldi on U.S. 101, or two miles south of Rockaway on U.S. 101, whichever you prefer.

We have started a program in which the folks will earn a sign with their names which can be placed by, on or near their campsite. To qualify for one of these signs you must attend three campouts in one year. To qualify for a sign to attach to the original sign with your call letters, it will take six campouts attended in one year. Bobbi Antons has offered to make these signs and just as soon as she has learned how to use the

FATTEN THE KITTY WEEK

BY BOBBI ANTONS

March 11-18 has been proclaimed "Fatten The Kitty Week."

Every member will have an opportunity to participate in a fun-filled Fund Raiser designed to support the OTVARC Treasury.



Mark your calendar and clear your schedule for the OTVARC Fund Raiser Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 PM at the home of Paul and Bonnie Lucas, 5215 SW 152 Avenue in Beaverton.

I will give a Tupperware demonstration of the latest products with time and money saving ideas for both men and women. Gifts for everyone. At the end of the demo there will be an auction of Tupperware products to be purchased with funny money that will be given to the guests during the demo. It's fun. It's exciting. Over \$125 worth of Tupperware to be given away. Special gifts for those who bring guests or orders to the party! Plan on being there early. You'll be on your way home by 9:30 and very glad you attended. You don't want to miss this. All profits go to OTVARC.

Come to the demo and bring a friend or two or take a packet of catalogs and gather orders from neighbors, fellow workers, relatives, and others.

More details and packets available at the March meeting. Let's really Fatten That Kitty! If you have questions, please call Bonnie Lucas at 641-8703 or me at 645-4188.

Congratulations to Sandi Ballard on receiving her Novice ticket - call sign KB7AHX.

Congratulations to Jeff Damm, WA7MLH on upgrading to Extra Class.

Mark your calendars for the annual OTVARC April Fool's Contest, Thursday, April 9, 7:30 PM on the NEW NOVICE 10M SSB PHONE SUBBAND (28300-28500 KHz). Details to follow... Lots of fun for all!

router the first signs will be presented.

I've had some inquiries from tent campers. If we have any going to Bar View, please let me know. All self-contained rigs be prepared with fresh water, etc in order for us all to be together. They have a number of full hook-ups but I can't get confirmation on how many will be available.



Please let us know of your suggestions or ideas for activities.



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Greg Milnes	W7AGQ	5
Bonnie Ludwig	KA7APS	5
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CALL SIGN QUIZ ANSWERS

BY AL, WB7SIC

Here are the answers to the quiz in last month's Newsletter. Old call signs are given below:

Willis Ranes	KA7KBT
Hanford Van Ness	N7CNU
Bill Wolverton	KA7DHU
Marty McKillip	KA7CTP
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MARCH MEETING

Rush Drake, W7RM (one of our newest members) will be our speaker at the March meeting in his capacity as ARRL Northwest Division Director.

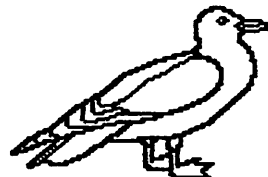
Rush will be giving us some insights into the League, explain what happens at board meetings and give us his feelings about being "a new boy" in Newington.

We'll follow this with a question and answer period. Plan to join us for this informative evening,

SEA-PAC UPDATE

BY AL, WB7SIC

All of the good people working on committees are hard at it and on schedule. Seminars are nearly confirmed, the ladies luncheon and programs are DONE and we have 26 exhibitors confirmed. Last year at this time we had 12 confirmations. We should have our official four-page registration form in the mail (10,000) by the time you read this. Current registration figures show us ahead of last year for this date as do the figures for flea market tables.



We got news a few days ago that our ARRL Headquarters guest will be Rick Palm, K1CE, the Field Services Department Manager for the League. Another guest will be Leland Smith, W5KL, the National QCWA President.

Stanley Hamm says he will have another hilarious skit for the banquet; speaking of food, our Sunday morning breakfast will be in the Convention Center and catered by the same fine group that gives us such a great dinner. No standing in line for a buffet. The breakfast will be a sitdown affair and rest assured you will get your four bucks worth! Be there at 7:30AM unless you like cold coffee.

We hope you get the picture - the 1987 SEA-PAC Convention will be THE place to be the last weekend of May.

By the way we won't have exhibits open on Friday, but we have a couple of SUPER seminars to whet your appetite that night. Why not get there early Friday, register from Noon to 8:00 PM and head on out for some fun at the beach. Dine where you will, but leave time to take in the seminars.

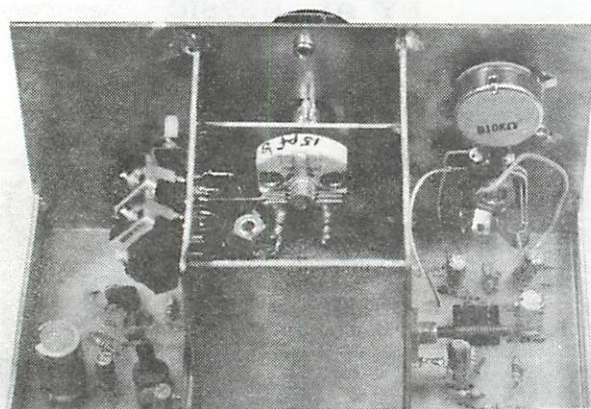
Whatever you do, have fun.



PROJECT NITE

BY TERRY, WB7CHK

For those of you who were unable to make the last meeting, the Technical Committee decided to have an antenna project for the February 25 Project Nite. The antenna can easily be completed in one evening and will be used with the QRP equipment to be built in the near future. So far seven people have signed up for the antenna. The cost is \$10.00; even though the building session will have taken place by the time you read this, we can build one at any session. If you are interested, let me know and we'll get one started.



The receiver has finally arrived and we are planning on the first building session on March 25th. To do this, I need the names of those interested as soon as possible so we can order kits from Colorado. The cost of the receiver is \$50.00 and so far we have seven people signed up.

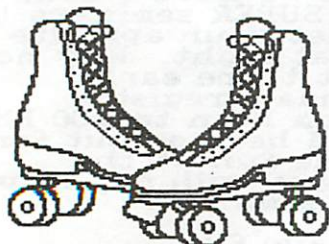
However, we would like to see a few more people participate, so be sure to contact Dee, KA7NPN, Paul, WB6SHR, or myself to let us know of your interest.

I will be contacting those of you who signed up as to location, directions, etc. within the next two weeks.

SKATING PARTY

BY JOAN, KA7VXC

Our first skating party will be held on Thursday, March 12 from 7:00-9:30 PM at Skateworld in Hillsboro.



Please call me at 640-4281 if you plan to attend.

Reservations are not required so if you find you're free that

evening, come and join us. We're sure that you'll have a lot of fun!

NEW MEMBERS CORNER

BY KATHRYN, KA7UMB

OTUARC is delighted to introduce our new members for this month including:

Rush S. Drake (a familiar name and call to everyone) W7RM, Extra class operator. He and his wife live in LaCenter, WA and Rush is currently retired (I question that). Hobbies include golf and bridge.

Bill Eppick, KB7ANS, Novice operator, is married to Elaine, KB7ANT, and is a woodworker. He is retired from Tektronix and is an ARRL member with interests in SSB, CW, UHF/UHF and Traffic. Hobbies include bicycling and sailing. Next year, he and Elaine plan to move aboard their 32 foot sailboat. Elaine listed wood carving and sailing as her hobbies and is interested in CW.

Richard J. Jones, KA7ZRT, Technician is a self-employed dentist. He and spouse Franke live in the Forest Grove area. An ARRL member with interests in SSB, CW, UHF/UHF. His hobbies include photography and white water rafting.

Welcome also to Jim Stevens, WB7PRL, General class operator, married to Lynn. Jim is an OLCC supervisor with interests in SSB, UHF/UHF and is an ARRL member. Interests are gardening and reading.

HEARD AROUND THE CLUB

BY LORNA, KA7RFD

Greg, W7AGQ was recipient of the QSL of the Week Award for January 26-30, 1987 from the Amateur Radio Club of Junior High School 22 New York City.

Joe Fairclough, WB2JKJ, devised an unique way of teaching English around Ham Radio to his 180+ seventh and eighth grade students at the school in Manhattan's Lower East Side.

The crew operates each day from 1200-1500 UTC around 7.110 on 40M CW and at 1500-2000 UTC on 15M SSB 21.395 or 21.110 CW if you would like to try to contact them.

Bob, KB7CC, and Jo, KA7MIE, back from a trip to Dallas and San Antonio, Texas looking fit and tanned. We're glad to have you back with us.

Christy, daughter of Bonnie and Paul Lucas, has recovered nicely from a concussion received when she and a tree had a head-on collision while inner tubing on Mt. Hood.

Sorry to report the Club Auction is "on hold" at the present time. We'll see if we can get this pulled together later in the year. What do you think about a "mini-auction" as a program for a future club meeting?

ON THE AVERAGE

BY MIKE, KE7HS

Q-DRUMS - A period of inactivity or recession; a period or spell of listlessness.



Let me preface this by saying that this is very hard to write and I never dreamed that I would write about something like this and maybe I'm not "on the average."

I would hazard a guess that I am not alone in being one of those amateurs whose interest and activity in amateur radio has fallen for one reason or another. Except for Public Service events, I haven't been on the air for about the past four months. Prior to that, I would check into the ARES net every night and at one point I would check into the IARS DX net almost every day. What the heck happened to reduce my amateur activity to practically nil???

In my case it is a matter of other interests that suddenly and not so suddenly attracted the attention that was heretofore directed toward amateur radio. Since we haven't found a way to increase the time of day beyond 24 hours, something had to give. Notice that I said "give" not "give up."

For me, hobby interests have a way of recurring. For example, my interest in amateur radio started when I was 13 and yet I didn't get my first license until I was 39. I had a mildly strong interest in model railroading about 10 years ago but only recently did I start to pursue it to a far greater extent. Finally, my attraction to shooting has been with me off and on since I was 11 years old and yet last year was the time when I became involved enough to join a local gun club and I began to shoot in competition.



Each of these hobbies has many different facets in which one may become immersed to a tremendous degree. In my case I have to learn not to immerse myself so far that I wind up over my head and end the enjoyment that attracted me to the hobby in the first place.

I have no doubt whatsoever that the DX bug will bite again and I'll be prowling around the HF bands once more. Until the wind picks up, I guess I am becalmed; but when that wind does come up (and it will) it will be a gale!

I would like to hear some comments from some of the other members that have endured this dilemma. Those comments may confirm that I'm still... the average. 73 to all.

DX FOR BEGINNERS AND OTHERS

BY GREG, W7AGQ

I plan to delve into an interesting and exciting part of our hobby... DX! Hopefully this will be a series of columns. I don't profess to be an expert, maybe when I get that mythical "Worked Everything Twice" Award I'll know it all. Until then, I'll do my best and hope other DXers will lend a hand and some suggestions.

DX, by definition, is distance. As it applies to Ham Radio it means amateur stations in foreign countries, U.S. Possessions, Alaska, Hawaii and some lesser known areas.

While DX can be worked via satellite, moonbounce and on UHF and above, I will only refer to HF DX here (160 through 10 meters). Phone and CW are the most common modes but RTTY and slow scan TV etc. are also used.



A country for DX purposes may vary widely from what your geography teacher told you about the world. It is generally recognized that the ARRL DX Advisory Committee is the last word on what is and what is not a country. Currently there are 318 countries for DX purposes.

Each of the 18 Soviet Republics count as a separate country. The U.S. counts for one and Alaska and Hawaii are separate countries. Also, we get to count each U.S. Possession as a different country (Guam, Puerto Rico and Wake Island are three of our 18 Possessions). For a complete list, send \$1 to: ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT. 06111.

There are a number of awards that entice DXers. They include DXCC (confirmations from 100 countries), 5 Band DXCC (confirmations from 100 countries on each of five bands), WAZ (confirmations from each of the 40 "CQ" zones) and WAC (confirmations with all continents). There are, of course, many other awards and recognitions.

The first three and most important DX rules are...LISTEN, LISTEN and LISTEN. At first, almost any receiver will do nicely, though some older ones suffer a bit above 20 meters. I suggest on 20 during hours into the Use 75/80 meters darkness. lowest 100 kHz for CW.



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On phone listen to 14.150-14.250 and around 14.300 to 14.325. On 40 try 7.050 to 7.100 (yes, that's out of the U.S. phone band). On 75 use 3.750 to 3.810 for starters.

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